



To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

March 10, 2015

From: Jim Redick, Director, EOC

Subject: Local Emergency
Declaration Resolution

Reviewed: Wynter C. Benda, Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward:

Approved:

Item Number:


Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

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I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution

II. **Applicant:** City of Norfolk

III. **Description**

This agenda item is submitted for City Council approval of the February 2015 Winter Storm Local Emergency. A local emergency declaration may be made by the City Manager, with City Council consent, within two weeks of said event.

In preparation and response to two back-to-back February 2015 Winter Storm events, the City Manager initiated a declaration retroactive to begin Monday, February 16 at 3pm, to include the first snow event, and ending Saturday February 28 at 5pm upon conclusion of the second snow storm.

IV. **Analysis**

The two Snow Storm events occurring from February 16, 2015 through February 28, 2015 both posed a serious interruption of vital city services and threat to property of residents in the city and hereby ratifies the declaration of a State of Local Emergency made by the City Manager on behalf of the Mayor on February 16, 2015 for all territory within the legal boundaries of the city.

V. **Financial Impact**

N/A

VI. **Environmental**

This action enables the City Council to exercise its authority to protect natural resources, neighborhood preservation, or historic preservation.

VII. Coordination/Outreach

This resolution has been coordinated with City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Form and Correctness Approved:

By

Office of the City Attorney

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Contents Approved:

By

DEPT. For Jim Berck

Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 44-146.21, DUE TO THE HAZARDS AND DAMAGES OF THE WINTER SNOW STORMS.

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WHEREAS, the National Weather Service recognized the danger to coastal residents of Virginia from the Winter Snow Storms;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Norfolk to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to: (1) performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; (2) entering into contracts; (3) incurring obligations; (4) employment of permanent and temporary workers; (5) utilization of volunteer workers; (6) rental of equipment; (7) acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities; (8) levying of taxes; and (9) appropriation and expenditure of public funds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Norfolk City Council recognizes that the Winter Snow Storms posed serious threats to the lives and property of

residents of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and hereby ratifies the declaration of a State of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Norfolk on February 16th, 2015 for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

Section 2:- That the Norfolk City Council hereby exercises its authority to take any actions necessary and permitted by Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Virginia Code Section 44-146.21.

Section 3:- That the Norfolk City Council hereby declares that a State of Local Emergency remained in effect until February 28th, 2015.

Section 4:- That this resolution shall be in effect from the date of its adoption.

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
CITY OF NORFOLK**

I, the undersigned, as Director of Emergency Management for the City of Norfolk, find the imminent threat of severe weather and loss or interruption of vital City services posed by Winter Storms Octavia and Remus to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, loss, hardship or suffering. Therefore, pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and pursuant to authorization and consent of the City Council, I hereby declare the existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Norfolk.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Office of Emergency Management and all other appropriate City agencies and employees are hereby vested with, and are authorized to carry out, all powers, duties and functions prescribed by State and local law, rules, regulations and plans as may be necessary to adequately and appropriately respond to said Local Emergency.



Director of Emergency Management for
the City of Norfolk

FOR Jim Reack

February 16th, 2015 1500hrs

Date and Time